



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

BELTS WITH INTEGRAL FLIGHTS FOR USE IN HIGH-

TEMPERATURE FOOD
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT
AND SYSTEMS INCLUDING

SUCH BELTS

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Enclosed herewith please find Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(B).

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner stated the following:

The prior art fails to teach, disclose or fairly suggest a toaster including first and second belts wherein the first belt has first flights on one side and second flights on the other side, the flights being of a different pattern on each side, the first belt configured to wrap around second belt and wherein the first belt contacts the first face of the bread products as in claims 102, 121, 128 and 150 in combination with all the other limitations in theses claims. The withdrawn claims which are dependent from the allowed independent claims have been rejoined therewith.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.

REMARKS

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated July 11, 2007.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,400.00 for payment of the Issue Fee is also enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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